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* No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever. A *
* thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand *
* years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of *
* childhood. -- Francis P. Church, in the celebrated New York Sun *
* editorial published September 21, 1897.

To Its Members and to All Its Friends Everywhere, the Overseas Press Club Wishes a
Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Happy New Year.

Next Bulletin, January 4, 1951.

G A L A N E W Y E A R ' S E V E F E S T I V I T Y

Sunday, December 31 ----- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway
From 8:30 PM to ?? -- Member and One Guest: \$4.50 Each
Additional Guests: \$5 Each

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NEW YEAR'S EVE ON TIMES SQUARE

Again this December 31, as for many years in the past, the Overseas Press Club opens its heart and its Clubrooms to OPC Members and their guests to herald the New Year from the Headquarters' vantage point just above Times Square.

As usual, the Clubrooms this year will attract a lively group of newspapermen, radio commentators, magazine editors, photographers and, in fact, representatives of the entire Fourth Estate. There will be liquid refreshment, favors, door prizes galore and a lavish midnight buffet. Plan to come early and stay late. But make your reservations early, (accompanied by check), for accommodations are limited! Applications for party groups will be accepted.

L U N C H E O N

Thursday, January 4 -- Toots Shor's, 51 East 51st Street
Cocktails at 12 P. M. ----- Luncheon at 12:30 P.M. sharp
Members: \$2.50 ----- Guests: \$3.00

RED SHADOW OVER WESTERN EUROPE

by HENRY CASSIDY

NBC Director of News, Radio and Special Events

Just back from Paris, where he was European news director for NBC, CASSIDY brings a top-notch, up-to-date report on the war clouds gathering over Western Europe. A veteran of service with AP in Spain, France and Moscow (where he got the famed letter-interviews with Stalin), CASSIDY is an expert who will give the OPC an authentic background picture of what European statesmen and men-in-the-street are thinking and doing today.

PAST PRESIDENTS

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OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB BULLETIN

FRANK KELLEY

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At the top of our list is the Box himself, Club prexident LOUIS P. LOCHNER, to whom Santa might bring more placid days, an easy life. And less hectic days for those eager toilers, Executive Secretary Janice Griffiths, Dave McIntire and Jim Bargerstock, who keep the OPC's wheels greased and turning. For Treasurer JOE WURZEL, a balanced budget and black ink galore..LARRY BLOCHMAN, a bartender's apron and a Tom 'n' Jerry..For HAL BOYLE, corked-tip cigars. And a Jerry Colonna mustache for BERT BRANDT..A Red under his bed for VIC LASKY;a ghost under his for BOB CONSIDINE..On v-p-in-charge-of, BILL BROOKS, St.Nick must bestow a full-presidency..To LARRY LESUEUR, an ambassadorship to Lichtenberg...Good health and happiness to LUCIEN KIRTLAND..RAY JOSEPHS, an autographed photo of Evita Peron..To JOHN DALY, a tee-vee toupee...And two corn-cob pipes to FRANK MACKELLEY and CONNIE MACRYAN..Some gilt-edged accounts for REAVIS O'NEAL..More frequent appearances of RALPH JULES FRANTZ..Please, too, remember BENNETT CERF with an orchid from Winchell..A pair of Lederhosen for JO ISRAELS..And EDWIN STOUT deserves a Linguaphone course in Hindustani..A year's Pravda subscription to EDWARD BARRETT, and, especially, a TV contract for MATT HUTTNER..For BEA MATHIEU, a charge account at Ohrbach's..A super job with A.N.Marquis for Who's Whoer JOHN ELLIOTT..Don't forget a Model T for ROGER SHAW, as well as an electric train for ADELE NATHAN. Perhaps a gym job for SANDY GRIFFITH..More OPC news items for Danton Walker to quote, and one war less for EMANUEL FREEDMAN..And a mahogany soapbox for lecturer LEHRMAN..A vacation at home for DON WHITEHEAD, to whom a "White" Christmas, as for MELVIN WHITELEATHER. And a homeland that's free for FRANK TAO..Can you arrange, also, for a swap of part of GEORGE SOKOLSKY for spare-framed W.W.CHAPLIN? Years of happiness to newly-weds DICK MASSOCK and DAVE BOGUSLAV, and some oxygen for skyscraper CECIL BROWN. Maybe even a dustproof lens for MAX DESFOR..And sheers and paste to book editor DICK HARTWELL..Fifty more fabulous years for H.V.KALTENBORN..A colonelcy in PR for JOHN LEVIEN, plus more best-sellers for KEN GINIGER..Remember a city commissionership for GABRIEL PRESSMAN. Oh, yes, a Manhattan Latin for JEWEL DE BONILLA..A bottle of Kansas City milk for REYNOLDS PACKARD..More Bulletin ads, please, asks WAYNE RICHARDSON, plus a roundtable where he won't have to preside for BILL GRAY. And a really Merry, Merry Christmas to ED HUNTER, GEORGE AXELLSON, PRESTON GROVER, DOROTHY RUSSELL and JOHN R. WILHELM..A fogless Xmas to DAVE RICHARDSON in Blimey, as well as a Stock Exchange seat for HENRY GELLERMANN..A sleep sans red-ink-bordered nightmares for LEO BRANHAM...Give TEMPLE FIELDING a travel guide to the U.S.A. (he's here so little), and a specially Merry Xmas to JOHN BARKHAM, JOCK LAWRENCE, GERALDINE SARTAIN and IRENE KUHN...How about a decorator's degree for ADELAIDE KERR, and a free New School tuition for A. WILFRED MAY, or an engraved membership card for PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE? And since DAN VAN ACKER can't speak Eskimo, how about a lesson book? To BILL REED, CHARLES WHITE, DAVE SCHOENBRUN, ADELAIDE KERR..those we missed above and those we couldn't fit in here and to all of good will,--A jolly, happy Xmas from Santa's humble servant, The Editor.....

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: NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

ACTIVE: Alvin Z. Rosenfeld, free-lance writer. Israel, 1948 to 1950; Switzerland, November to December, 1948; France and Germany, April to May, 1945, all for the New York Post. Proposed by GEROLD FRANK; seconded by SYDNEY RAKITA.

Abe Pivowitz, Collier's magazine. China, India, 1944 to 1945, for U. S. Office of War Information. Proposed by BOB BRUMBY; seconded by BILL DAVIDSON.

Irving I. Levine, INS war correspondent in Korea. Austria, 1948, chief INS Vienna Bureau; France, 1949 to 1950, Paris bureau INS; Korea, August, 1950 to present for INS. Proposed by CARL BAKAL; seconded by GEORGE HERALD.

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President LOUIS P. LOCHNER this week dispatched the following cablegram to Joseph Fromm, president, Tokyo Correspondents Club, Tokyo, Japan:

"DURING FINAL CRISIS IN KOREA EVERY AMERICAN HAD FRESH REASON BE GRATEFUL AND AMERICAN PRESS BE PROUD OF CORRESPONDENTS REPORTING WAR STOP LOTS YOUR FRIENDS IN OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS AND CLUB'S BOARD GOVERNORS HAS ASKED ME TELL YOU SO STOP WITHOUT GOING IN FOR HEROICS OR FANCY RESOLUTIONS WE ASK YOU CONVEY OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERY CORRESPONDENT IN THEATER DASH YOU'VE ALL DONE SUPERB JOB STOP IF THERES ANYTHING WE CAN DO FOR YOU ALL LET US KNOW AND WILL DO."

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The following letter from the White House was received at OPC Headquarters this week:

"Dear Mr. Lochner:

"It has been very comforting to receive heartfelt condolences from Charlie Ross' good friends who were grieved by the news of his untimely death. His passing is a tremendous loss to me, personally and officially, and I appreciate the kind thought which your message evidences more than I can say.

"My deepest thanks go to you, the Board of Governors and members of the Overseas Press Club of America for your fine expression of sympathy.

"Very sincerely yours,
"Harry Truman"

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President LOCHNER on December 17 paid a visit to the Club's oldest Member, EDWARD J. NALLY, who now lives in retirement in Bronxville, N. Y.

"I thought I had acquired some wisdom in my 63 years of strenuous life," LOCHNER reports, "but I felt like a freshman when talking to 92-year-old Member NALLY. I found him not only tremendously interested and detailedly informed about the work of the OPC, but more than generous in guiding me on Club problems on the basis of his long experience with men and affairs. As former president of the Radio Corporation of America, he has dealt with the Fourth Estate in every part of the world, has seen press clubs come and go, and is therefore particularly concerned that we proceed wisely in our project for a permanent Club Headquarters. It was a real experience for me to meet the Grand Old Man of the OPC - the ever youthful EDWARD J. NALLY".

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OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB PROTESTS EXECUTION OF CHINESE JOURNALISTS

Every Member "Deeply Shocked",
According to Letters
To Lie and Mao

In response to an appeal from the Chinese Free Writers' Club of Hongkong for "supporting action" in protest against the execution by Communists in Canton and Shanghai on November 30 of six Chinese correspondents, President LOUIS P. LOCHNER on December 19 sent a strongly-worded letter to UN Secretary General Trygve Lie regarding the incident.

"It goes without saying", he wrote in part, "that every Member of the Overseas Press Club of America is deeply shocked at this atrocity and raises its voice in protest against this flagrant violation of human rights in general and newsmen's time-honored rights in particular. We have made this our protest of 700 overseas writers also to General Mao Tse Tung".

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It's a girl for the CHARLES GILLETT. Valerie was born at Flower Hospital on December 11, weighing in at six pounds 14 ounces...Spelling corrections on The Bulletin item (December 7) about KEN GINIGER's visit abroad. He writes: "'Joe Barris,' 'Foster Hallers' and 'DANNY SHAW' are Joe Barry, Foster Hailey and DANNY SHOR. Is there a good copy desk in the house?" The answer, obviously, is "no"...NELSON DAVIS is just back from Paris, where he was with the ECA mission...EDWIN E. DOWELL, Newsweek's international editions manager, is rubbing his hands happily this week. The Newsweek year wound up its best 365 days with a $52\frac{1}{2}$ increase in advertising linage (by U.S. advertisers). This represents a gain of 69% for Newsweek-Pacific, and 35.1% for Newsweek-European....

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Chicago Tribune war correspondent WALTER SIMMONS has just won a \$500 Edward Scott Beck Foundation award for what were judged the best foreign dispatches from Tokyo and Korea...GERALDINE SARTAIN is off to California to spend Christmas with her family for the first time in 22 years....

Gues Member THEODORE H. PREISER has opened an office at 110 East 42nd Street as a textile production cost consultant. Recently returned from a long stay in the Middle East, PREISER is also preparing to launch a New England Textile Review....President LOUIS LOCHNER discussed "Let Freedom Ring" on a four-member panel before the monthly Book and Play luncheon at the Biltmore Hotel last week....A new addition to the Washington staff of the Gannett News Service is JOHN M. ANSPACHER, former UP bureau chief in Frankfurt....AP's correspondent in Moscow, EDDY GILMORE, is visiting his mother in his hometown of Selma, Ala. ... CHARLES P. GORRY, who photographed the Korean war for AP, has been assigned to cover the capital from the AP Washington bureau...

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Lyford Moore, ABC correspondent and president of the American Correspondents Association in Berlin, was reported missing in Norway on December 11. He had flown to Oslo the day before with other American newsmen to cover an exchange of Xmas gifts between Norwegian and U.S. airmen. Police were dragging Oslo harbor and combing the dock area for the missing journalist.

In telling a Greenwich, Conn., forum that a reporter's duty is to write what a public official said or did, rather than doctor controversial copy, FRANK STARZEL, general manager of AP, declared: "Whether a speech is ill-advised is immaterial. If a speaker puts his foot in his mouth, he has to take it out. The reporter must report what was said."....

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WILLIAM KING is just in from Paris...Have you sent in your Who's Who data yet? If not, please forward your bio material by January 1....Back in Korea for Life is DAVID DOUGLAS DUNCAN who, with photog CARL MYDANS (also slated to return soon), received gold medals and \$1,000 prizes from U.S. Camera for their earlier coverage of the fighting...LEON PEARSON on December 24 begins a new five-minute network news program over NBC (5:55 to 6 PM, EST)...Assistant Secretary of State EDWARD W. BARRETT will participate in an American Forum of the Air discussion program on NBC December 24....

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It's wedding bells for the Chicago Tribune's DAVE BOGUSLAV in Manila on December 17. "The war be damned", he cables cheerfully. "Bride's name is Betty. We both send love to the OPC. Hope to see you soon".

"Forecast 1951" is the title of the New Year's Eve show scheduled by the NBC news and special events department. Among the 12 NBC correspondents here and abroad who will be heard on the program are European news director HENRY CASSIDY; GEORGE THOMAS FOLSTER, Far Eastern news chief; MORGAN BEATTY, speaking from Washington; and Past President W. W. CHAPLIN and H. V. KALTENBORN reporting from New York. LEON PEARSON will comment on the role the UN is expected to play in the months ahead....

THE OVERSEAS TICKER

TOKYO DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- RELMAN (PAT) MORIN, AP general executive and chief of its Washington bureau, left recently for the U.S. aboard the "President Cleveland". Present plans call for a Stateside stay of three months in New York and Washington, and thence back to the Far East if conditions warrant. PAT has been at the Tokyo office since July

25...EDWARD R. MURROW is scheduled to return to the Far East this month to continue his CBS spot news commentaries....James Michener of the New York Herald Tribune (author of "Tales of the South Pacific") due in Tokyo sometime this month....

Marguerite Higgins, who made a flying trip to Tokyo, now back on the Korean front flashing play-by-play reports to the home office....Frank Noel, 52-year-old AP photographer, is first correspondent to be taken prisoner by the Chinese. Last seen on November 25 while with the 1st Marine Division in Chosin Reservoir area....

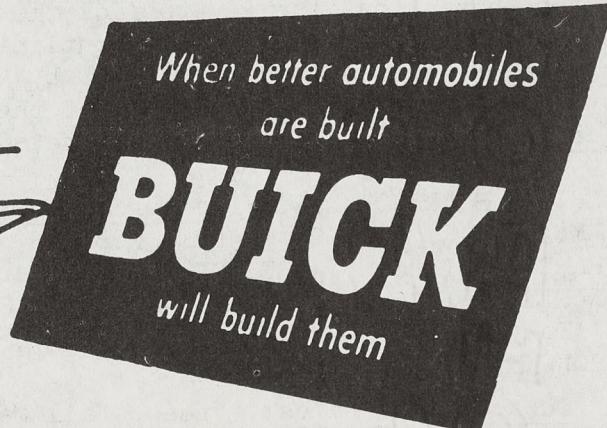
STAN SWINTON, who has been in the thick of it for AP, spent a couple of days in Tokyo to "warm up" and recover from a bad cold. He and Ed Hogan, another ex-Stars & Striper from the Mediterranean theater, had a reunion in the Press Club here. While reminiscing, they picked up the phone and talked to another veteran S&S, Milton Lehman, in Washington, D.C. SWINTON is now due back in Korea.--(JACOBUS TenBERGE).

Also from TOKYO this week has come an eye-witness report from GENE ZENIER of Warner-Pathe News on the Marine retreat from Kotori. The Bulletin is proud to publish the following dispatch:

Among correspondents covering the U.S. Marines during their encirclement by Chinese forces at Kotori near the Chosen Reservoir area were KEYES BEECH of the Chicago Daily News and GENE ZENIER. Both ZENIER and BEECH stayed with the Marines for three days and had no sleep due to severe cold and shooting going on at night. Without a doubt this was the toughest campaign the Leathernecks have ever fought in Marine Corps history.

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Besides battling the Reds -- who were thick as flies -- the Marines had an even worse enemy, the bitter sub-zero weather that took a heavy toll in casualties. Dog-tired Marines who marched for over 24 hours under fire at all times by Reds who commanded the hill, would flop down and go to sleep in the snow. Also at Kotori was Jack MacBeth of AP.

Marguerite Higgins of the New York Herald Tribune flew in one day, and a tired Marine officer thought he was seeing a mirage when he spotted Maggie in this hell-hole. He actually lifted off her fur cap to make sure he was not going beserk. Maggie then flew out to file her story, and returned next day to march out of the trap with the Marines. Here Maggie ran into trouble, as Gen. O. P. Smith insisted it was too dangerous to take her along on the march and ordered her out on the next plane. Maggie was furious as she boarded the airship. Reason for this action by General Smith was that if Maggie got wounded, it presumably would take away two or three badly-needed Marines to care for her during the march.

PARIS DATELINE--- (Special to The Bulletin)-- Nine American correspondents from Paris, London and Berlin converged on Strasbourg late last month to cover the second half of the 1950 session of the Council of Europe's consultative assembly. From Paris the Associated Press sent JOSEPH E. DYNAN and Phil Clarke, and the New York Times dispatched Lansing Warren. The UP brought its European news manager, R. L. Shackford, from London and Ross Hazeltine from Paris. RUSSELL HILL, formerly of the New York Herald Tribune's Paris staff, came from Berlin to cover the debates...

Others there were Volney Hurd, Christian Science Monitor (Paris), and Howard Norton, in London for the Baltimore Sun...George Weller of the Chicago Daily News bureau in Rome, used up part of his vacation visiting Paris...Hugh Baillie, UP prexy, talked to Premier Rene Pleven and Foreign Minister Robert Schuman on a brief visit to Paris...MARC PURDUE of AP spent a week in Paris en route home from New Delhi, where he is being succeeded by Harold Milks...Theodore White, ONA, spent much of November surveying the political climate out in the French provinces...Gordon Gammack of the Des Moines Register and Tribune came through Paris on his way home from Korea and reported the war was getting no better. In memory of service as correspondent during the most recently recognized war, he stayed at the Hotel Scribe and said it seemed much like old times....

Darrell Berrigan of the Satevepost is in Paris writing articles from material he accumulated during a two-month stay in Egypt....The Anglo-American Press Association gave its annual banquet at the George V Hotel on December 5. Present were Ambassador Bruce and a large number of British and French officials. About 150 attended. Ronald Matthews, Paris correspondent of the London Daily Herald, is president of the Association. -- (PRESTON GROVER).

***** Capsule reviews of books received recently by the OPC Library:
* THE OPC BOOKSHELF * "Air Power: Key to Survival" by Alexander P. de Seversky (Simon & Schuster, \$3.50). In this 376-page volume, Major de Seversky advocates a bold doctrine; that the key to our national security and long-term peace is predominant and over-whelming air power. Although many of the author's statements are open to challenge by advocates of a balanced military force, Major de Seversky does a good job of setting forth the full case for modern air strategy.

"MacArthur: Man of Action" by Past President FRANK KELLEY and CORNELIUS J. RYAN (Double-day Company, \$2). In this excellently turned-out book, a couple of OPCers team together to produce an intimate profile of General MacArthur.

"The Choice" by Boris Shub (Duell, Sloan & Pierce, \$2.75). In this book, the author develops the thesis that the way to lick the USSR is to accelerate disaffection within Russia. An expert anti-Red propagandist, Shub outlines how he feels this can be accomplished.

"Aspects of Japan's Labor Problems" by Miriam S. Farley (John Day Company, \$3.50). This is the story of the spectacular growth of the Japanese labor movement as told by the editor of the Far Eastern Survey, formerly on the SCAP staff in Tokyo.

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